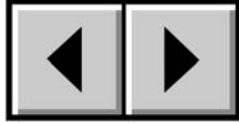
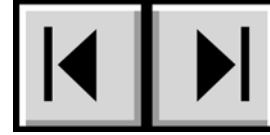


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NOTE: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.

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- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.

Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

LaCie Ethernet Disk mini



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This Class A digital apparatus meets all requirements of the Canadian Interference-Causing Equipment Regulations.

Manufacturer's Declaration for CE Certification



We, LaCie, solemnly declare that this product conforms to the following European standards:

Class B EN60950, EN55022, EN50082-1, EN61000-3-2

With reference to the following conditions:

73/23/EEC Low Voltage Directive

89/336/EEC EMC Directive

Health and Safety Precautions



Caution! The LaCie Ethernet Disk mini's warranty may be void as a result of the failure to respect the precautions listed below.

Only qualified persons are authorized to carry out maintenance on this device.

- Read this User's Guide carefully, and follow the correct procedure when setting up the device.
- Do not open your LaCie Ethernet Disk mini or attempt to disassemble or modify it. Never insert any metallic object into the drive to avoid any risk of electrical shock, fire, short-circuiting or dangerous emissions. Your LaCie Ethernet Disk mini contains no user-serviceable parts. If it appears to be malfunctioning, have it inspected by a qualified LaCie Technical Support representative.
- Never expose your device to rain, or use it near water, or in damp or wet conditions. Never place objects containing liquids on the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini, as they may spill into its openings. Doing so increases the risk of electrical shock, short-circuiting, fire or personal injury.
- Make sure that the computer and LaCie Ethernet Disk mini are electrically grounded. If the devices are not grounded, there is an increased risk of electrical shock.

General Use Precautions:

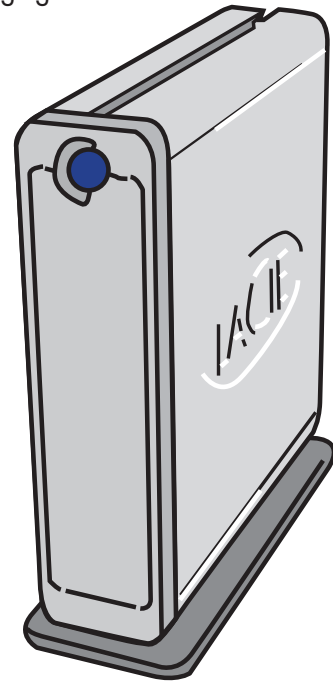
- Do not expose the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini to temperatures outside the range of 5° C to 45° C (41° F to 104° F). Doing so may damage the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini or disfigure its casing. Avoid placing your LaCie Ethernet Disk mini near a source of heat or exposing it to sunlight (even through a window). Inversely, placing your LaCie Ethernet Disk mini in an environment that is too cold or humid may damage the unit.
- Always unplug the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini from the electrical outlet if there is a risk of lightning or if it will be unused for an extended period of time. Otherwise, there is an increased risk of electrical shock, short-circuiting or fire.
- Use only the power supply shipped with the device.
- Do not use the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini near other electrical appliances such as televisions, radios or speakers. Doing so may cause interference which will adversely affect the operation of the other products.
- Do not place the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini near sources of magnetic interference, such as computer displays, televisions or speakers. Magnetic interference can affect the operation and stability of your LaCie Ethernet Disk mini.
- Do not place heavy objects on top of the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini or use excessive force on it.
- Never use excessive force on your LaCie Ethernet Disk mini. If you detect a problem, consult the Troubleshooting section in this manual.
- Protect your LaCie Ethernet Disk mini from excessive exposure to dust during use or storage. Dust can build up inside the device, increasing the risk of damage or malfunction.
- Never use benzene, paint thinners, detergent or other chemical products to clean the outside of the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini. Such products will disfigure and discolor the casing. Instead, use a soft, dry cloth to wipe the device.

1. Introduction

Congratulations on the purchase of your new LaCie Ethernet Disk mini! By simply plugging the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini into your Ethernet-based network, you can easily share documents, data or multi-media files.

Connect the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini either directly to a computer via USB, or share the drive over your network through the Ethernet connection. When connected through USB, the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini performs like a standard external hard drive, but you can also still modify and configure the network settings, as well. When connected to a network, the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini becomes a Network Attached Storage device, capable of supporting an unlimited number of users connecting simultaneously.

You can easily manage the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini through the Internet with the Web Administration tool – create users, assign access rights and passwords and configure the network parameters of your drive.



1.1. What Your LaCie Ethernet Disk mini Can Do

- Backup data in a separate location, away from the source
- Easily shuttle files and folders from the home and office
- Share files between Mac, Windows and Linux clients



Important Info: Any loss, corruption or destruction of data while using a LaCie drive is the sole responsibility of the user, and under no circumstances will LaCie be held liable for the recovery or restoration of this data. To help prevent the loss of your data, LaCie highly recommends that you keep **TWO** copies of your data; one copy on your external hard drive, for instance, and a second copy either on your internal hard drive, another external hard drive or some other form of removable storage media, such as CD, DVD or Tape. LaCie offers a complete line of CD, DVD and Tape drives, and if you would like more information on backup, please refer to the LaCie white paper on backup methods and technology.

2. Your LaCie Ethernet Disk mini

2.1. Minimum System Requirements

2.1.1. Ethernet Connectivity

- Ethernet 10/100 Network adapter

Network Client Protocol:

- SMB, AFP, FTP or HTTP

Internet Browser:

- Microsoft® Internet Explorer® 4.01 or higher
- Netscape® with Mozilla™
- Apple® Safari™

OS Compatibility

- Windows 95, 98, 98SE, Me, 2000 and XP (SP1 and SP2)
- Mac OS 9.x and higher; Mac OS 10.1.x and higher
- Linux 2.4 and higher

2.1.2. USB Connectivity

- USB 1.0/1.1/2.0 controller and support for USB Mass Storage protocols

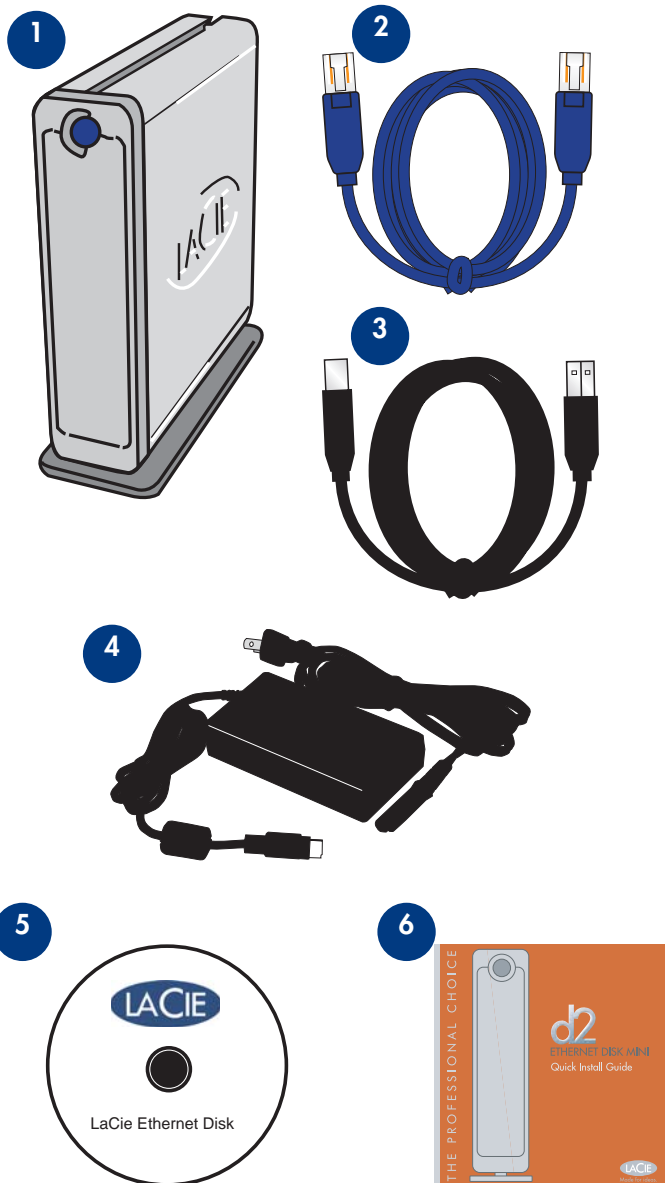
OS Compatibility

- Windows 2000 and XP
- Mac OS 10.1.x and higher (Apple USB support 1.3.5 and greater)
- Linux 2.4 and higher

2.2. Package Contents

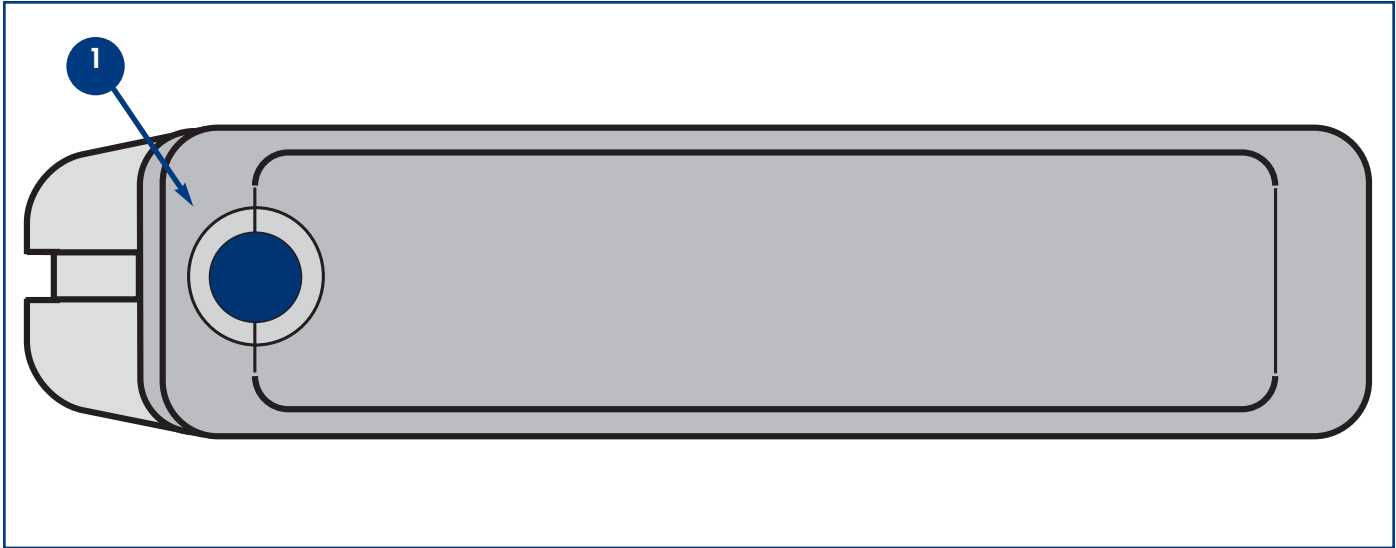
Your LaCie Ethernet Disk mini should include the following:

- 1 LaCie Ethernet Disk mini with drive stand
- 2 Fast Ethernet 10/100 cable
- 3 Hi-Speed USB 2.0 cable
- 4 External power supply
- 5 LaCie Ethernet Disk CD-ROM
- 6 Quick Install Guide



2.3. Views Of The Drive

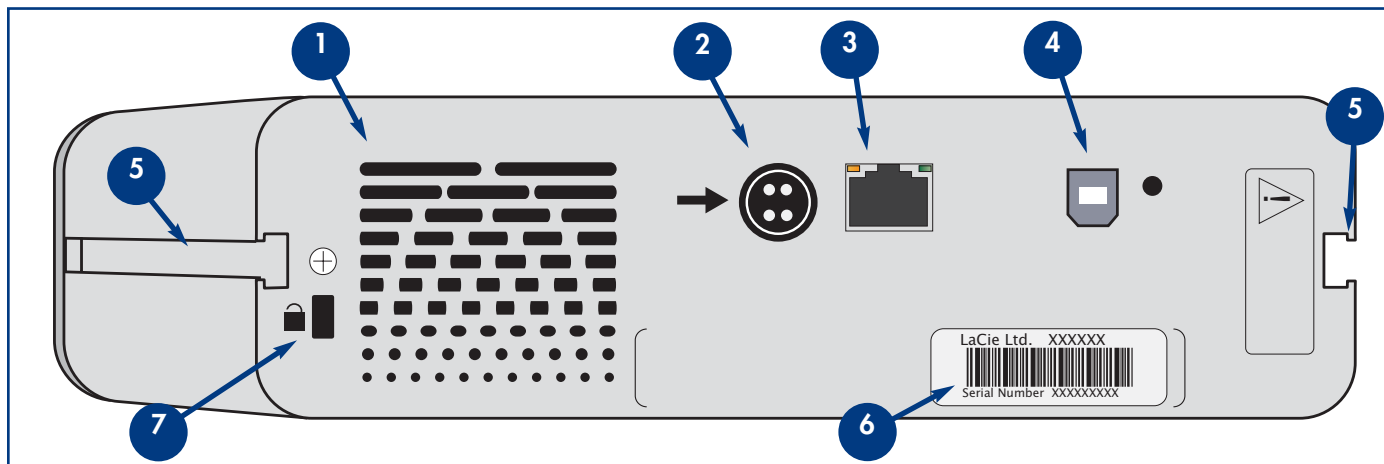
2.3.1. Front View –



1 On/Off Button / Power LED / Activity LED

Press the On/Off Button to power the drive on and off when connected via the Ethernet cable. The LaCie Ethernet Disk mini will power on and off automatically while connected via the USB interface. The LED remains lit to show that the drive is on, and blinks to indicate drive activity.

2.3.2. Rear View –



- 1 Ventilation Outlet** – These holes help to keep your drive cool during operation. Be sure not to block these openings when using your drive.
- 2 Power Supply Connector** – This is where you plug in the AC adapter supplied with the drive. See section [3.3. Connecting The External Power Supply](#) for more information.
- 3 Ethernet 10/100 Port** – This is where you plug in the Ethernet cable furnished with the drive. See section [5. Using The LaCie Ethernet Disk mini Via Ethernet](#) for more information.
- 4 Hi-Speed USB 2.0 Port** – This is where you plug in the Hi-Speed USB 2.0 cable furnished with the drive. See section [4. Using The LaCie Ethernet Disk mini Via USB](#) for more information.
- 5 Rackmount Grooves** – These grooves are used for mounting the drive in the Desk Rack kit (sold separately) or placing your drive in standard 19" computer equipment racks using the LaCie Rackmount Kit (sold separately). See sections [3.1. Stand-alone Installation](#) and [3.2. Rack Mounting Installation](#) for more information.
- 6 Serial Number Sticker** – This is where you will find your LaCie drive's serial number. Write down the serial number and keep it in a safe place, because you will need to provide the number in the event you have to call LaCie Technical Support for any reason in regards to the drive's performance. The serial number would also come in handy if your drive is lost or stolen.
- 7 Lock Slot** – This slot is used to connect an anti-theft system, such as the LaCie Security Lock, for maximum protection. Refer to your anti-theft system documentation for details on how to connect the lock.

2.4. Cables And Connectors

The LaCie Ethernet Disk mini offers two different methods for connection and usage.

2.4.1. Hi-Speed USB 2.0

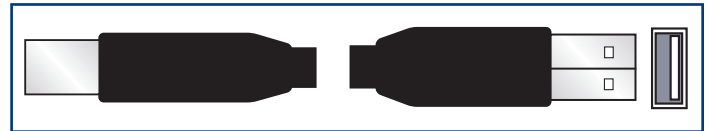
USB is a serial input/output technology for connecting peripheral devices to a computer or to each other. Hi-Speed USB 2.0 is the latest implementation of this standard, and it provides the necessary bandwidth and data transfer rates to support high-speed devices such as hard drives, CD/DVD drives and digital cameras.

Benefits of the USB standard include:

- Backwards compatibility: Hi-Speed USB 2.0 works with the original USB specifications.
- Hot-swappable: no need to shut down or restart your computer when adding or removing devices.

USB Cables

Your LaCie drive is shipped with a Hi-Speed USB 2.0 cable, to ensure maximum data transfer performance when connected to a Hi-Speed USB 2.0 port. The cable will also work when connected to a USB port, but drive performance will be limited to USB 1.1 transfer rates.



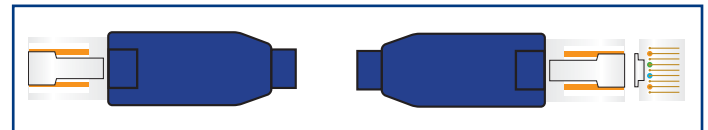
2.4.2. Ethernet

A LAN (Local Area Network) technology, based on the IEEE 802.3 standard, is used by a group of computers and associated devices that share a common communication line and typically share the resources of a single processor or server within a small geographic area.

The most common Ethernet systems are 10BASE-T, which provides transmission speeds up to 10Mb/s, and 100BASE-T (also known as Fast Ethernet), which provides transmission speeds up to 100Mb/s.

Ethernet Cables

Your LaCie drive is shipped with 10/100 Ethernet cable, and works with either 10BASE-T or 100BASE-T networks.



Tech Note: The LaCie Ethernet Disk mini is also compatible with Gigabit Ethernet, when the drive is connected to a 100Mb/1Gb Ethernet switch.

3. Setting Up Your LaCie Ethernet Disk mini

The LaCie Ethernet Disk mini utilizes the aluminum alloy casing to help dissipate heat. There are important location consideration precautions to keep in mind when setting up your drive.

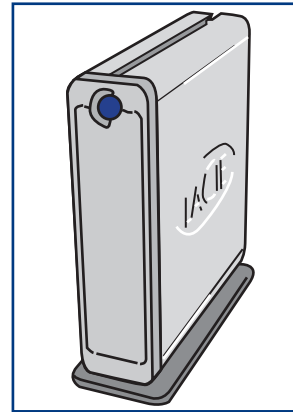
Make sure to place your drive in a well ventilated space, do not block the ventilation outlet on the back of the drive and keep the area in front of the drive unobstructed to allow for proper airflow.

If you will be stacking or racking your drive, please follow these considerations:

- When stacking drives, place no more than two drives on top of each other.
- When stacking drives, make sure and adhere the rubber feet to the bottom of the drives.
- When racking in 19" equipment racks, only rack the equipment in a regulated, air-conditioned room, keep cables and other obstructions away from the rear of the drive and do not place more than two drives on top of each other.

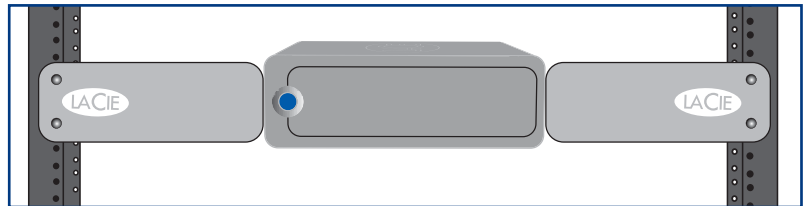
3.1. Stand-alone Installation

The LaCie Ethernet Disk mini includes a convenient drive stand, which allows the drive to be placed in an upright position. Please refer to the instruction sheet included with the drive stand for specific instructions.



3.2. Rack Mounting Installation

The LaCie Ethernet Disk mini can be incorporated into standard 19" computer equipment racks, using the LaCie Rackmount Kit (sold separately). Please refer to the instructions included with the LaCie Rackmount Kit for specific instructions.

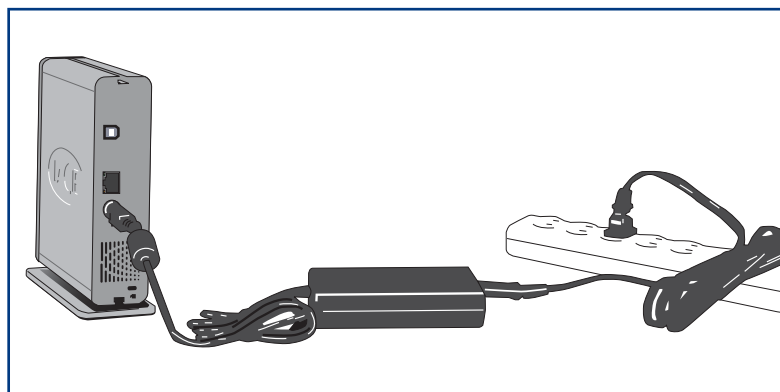


3.3. Connecting The External Power Supply

There are two cables that are supplied with the power supply: one cable (A) connects to the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini; and the other cable (B) connects to a power outlet, such as a wall outlet or a surge protector.

- 1) Connect Cable A to your LaCie Ethernet Disk mini.
- 2) Connect Cable B to the Power Supply brick.
- 3) Connect Cable B to a surge protector or wall outlet.

You are now ready to connect the interface cable to your drive and to your computer.



Caution!

- Only use the AC adapter supplied with your specific LaCie Ethernet Disk mini. Do not use a power supply from another LaCie drive or another manufacturer. Using any other power cable or power supply may cause damage to the device and void your warranty.
- Always remove the AC adapter before transporting your LaCie Ethernet Disk mini. Failure to remove the adapter may result in damage to your drive and will void your warranty.



Tech Note:

- Your LaCie Ethernet Disk mini comes with an autoswitching power supply. This means that if the drive is connected to a USB connector on your computer, when you turn on the computer, the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini will turn on automatically. Likewise, when you turn off your computer, your LaCie Ethernet Disk mini will turn off automatically. To turn the drive off, simply push the blue On/Off button on the front of the drive. Do not turn the drive off, though, when it is reading or writing information!
- Your LaCie Ethernet Disk mini also manages power consumption. If the system's power save feature supports it, the drive will spin down during the power save mode. After the system comes out of power save, the drive will take a few seconds to spin up to full power before it can be accessed.
- You may use your LaCie Ethernet Disk mini when in a foreign country, thanks to its autoswitching 100-240 Volt power supply. To be able to use this feature, you may need to purchase an appropriate adapter or cord. Consult LaCie Technical Support for assistance in choosing the right adapter. LaCie accepts no responsibility for any damage to the drive resulting from the use of an inappropriate adapter. Using an adapter other than one authorized by LaCie will void your warranty.

4. Using The LaCie Ethernet Disk mini Via USB

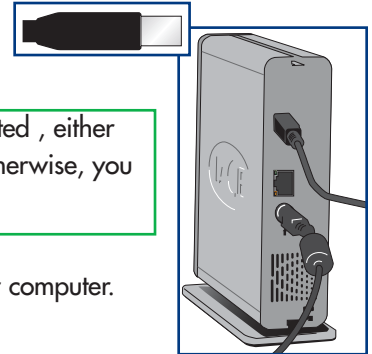
By utilizing the USB interface, you can connect the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini directly to a single computer, and access it and use it as you would any direct-attach external hard drive.



Important Info: When using the USB interface, the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini can not be accessed by the Web Administration Page.

4.1. Getting Connected

1) Connect the Hi-Speed USB 2.0 cable into the Hi-Speed USB 2.0 port on the back of the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini.



Tech Note: To achieve Hi-Speed USB 2.0 data transfer rates you need to be connected , either directly to the computer or through a hub, to a Hi-Speed USB 2.0 host interface. Otherwise, you will be limited to USB 1.1 speeds.

2) Connect the other end of the Hi-Speed USB 2.0 cable into an available USB port* on your computer. Your drive should power on automatically after connecting the USB cable.

3) It may take a few seconds for your computer to recognize the drive and for it to appear on the desktop or in **My Computer**. Once it appears, the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini's **LogOn** tool should start automatically.



Important Info: If the **LogOn** tool does not start automatically, double-click on the icon for the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini and then double-click on the **LogOn** tool's icon.

Enter a valid user name and password, then click on the **Log In** button to continue.

If there are no registered users (which will be the case if the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini has not been connected via Ethernet and User accounts created through the Web Administration Page), just click on the **Log In** button to access the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini.

Otherwise, enter your **User Name** and **Password** and click on the **Log In** button to access the drive.

4.2. Configuring The LaCie Ethernet Disk mini

There are two different options for changing or checking the IP address of the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini, based upon the method being used to connect the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini. The Ethernet method is covered in section [6.4.1. IP Configuration](#).

When using the USB interface, the **LogOn** window will automatically appear at the first connection. If it does not display on first connection or you want to open the program later, simply open the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini and start the EDmini LogOn application.

From this window, press the **Advanced** button, which will launch the **Advanced** window.

The **Advanced** window will allow you to verify or modify the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini's network configuration. The left-side of the **Advanced** window will display a list of all of the LaCie Ethernet Disk minis that are detected on the local USB bus (if there are other LaCie Ethernet Disk minis attached via Ethernet, they will not be detected. Only LaCie Ethernet Disk minis attached via USB will be detected by the EDmini LogOn application).



Important Info: If DHCP is enabled, but there is not a DHCP server available on the network, the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini will use the IP configuration that is specified in the **Configure manually:** section.



The right-side of the **Advanced** window will display the network configuration information of the LaCie Ethernet Disk minis that are attached:

MAC Address – This represents the Media Access Control (MAC) address of the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini's unique hardware number.

Computer Name – This is the name that is used to identify the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini over the network. The default name is "EDmini," but you may modify the name.

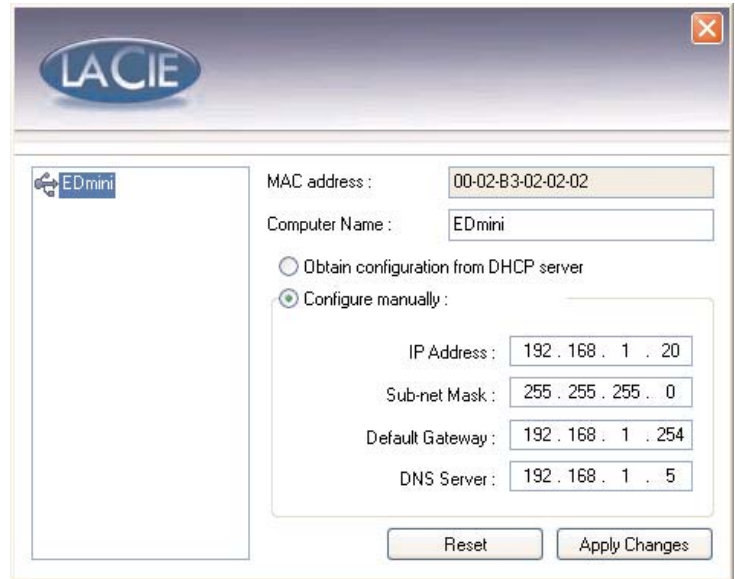
The **Obtain configuration from DHCP server** or **Configure manually**: selections are two alternative methods for determining the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini's IP address.

Obtain configuration from DHCP server

This method is utilized when the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini is connected to a DHCP enabled network with a DHCP server. In this case, the server provides the IP address for the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini.

Configure manually:

This method is utilized when the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini is connected to a non-DHCP enabled network. In this case, you will need to manually assign the correct network settings for your LaCie Ethernet Disk mini. Please refer to your network administrator for more information about your network and which parameters you should use.



The screenshot shows the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini configuration window. The window has a title bar with the LaCie logo and a close button. On the left, there is a sidebar with a 'EDmini' icon. The main area contains the following fields and options:

- MAC address: 00-02-83-02-02-02
- Computer Name: EDmini
- Obtain configuration from DHCP server (radio button, unselected)
- Configure manually (radio button, selected)
- IP Address: 192 . 168 . 1 . 20
- Sub-net Mask: 255 . 255 . 255 . 0
- Default Gateway: 192 . 168 . 1 . 254
- DNS Server: 192 . 168 . 1 . 5
- Reset button
- Apply Changes button

IP Address – This is the IP address that you want to assign to the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini.

Sub-net Mask – This is the subnet mask that is associated with the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini's assigned IP address.

Default Gateway – This is the default IP address of the Gateway that is available for the specified network.

DNS Server – This is the IP address of the DNS server which handles the routing and resolution of names.

4.3. Disconnecting The LaCie Ethernet Disk mini

USB external devices feature “plug & play” connectivity, which means that your drive can be connected and disconnected while the computer is running. To prevent failures, it is important you follow these steps when disconnecting your USB peripheral device.



Caution! Do not disconnect the USB cable when the drive is reading or writing. Disconnecting while the drive is operating could cause the loss of data. Make sure that your drive is not reading or writing and that the activity LED is off before disconnecting the USB cable.

Windows Users

1) From the System Tray (located in the lower right-hand side of your screen), click on the **Eject** icon (a small green arrow over a hardware image).



2) A message will appear, detailing the devices that the Eject icon controls, i.e. “Safely remove...” Click on this prompt.

3) You will then be given the following message: “Safe to Remove Hardware” (or similar). It is now safe to disconnect the device.

Mac Users

You must unmount the hard drive system before disconnecting it or powering it down. To do this, simply drag the hard drive icon to the trash.

The drive can now be disconnected.

5. Using The LaCie Ethernet Disk mini Via Ethernet

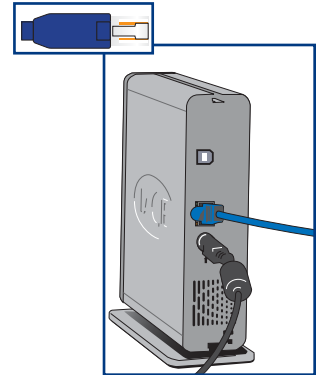
By utilizing the Ethernet connection, you can share the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini with computers on a network.

5.1. Getting Connected

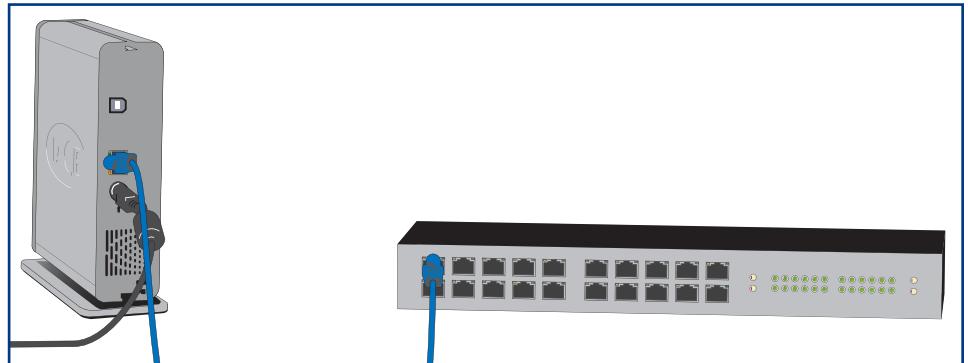
1) Connect the Ethernet cable into the Ethernet port on the back of the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini.



Important Info: Make sure that the computer you will be using to configure the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini is on the same network as the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini.



2) Connect the other end of the Ethernet cable into an available Ethernet port on your Ethernet network.



3) Press the blue On/Off Button on the front of the drive. It may take a few seconds for your network to recognize the drive. Once the drive appears, go to section [5.2. Accessing The LaCie Ethernet Disk mini Via The Network](#) for more information on configuring your LaCie Ethernet Disk mini.

5.2. Accessing The LaCie Ethernet Disk mini Via The Network



Important Info: The LaCie Ethernet Disk mini will not appear on the network when connected via USB.

When connected via Ethernet, the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini should appear as a drive with shared folders on the network.



Important Info: If you have just turned on the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini, it may take a few moments for the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini to appear on the network.

5.2.1. Microsoft Windows Users

To access the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini using Microsoft Windows, look in **My Network Places**. By default, the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini will be named "EDmini" under **Workgroup**. When you attempt to access a share, you will be asked to enter a username and a password.

For faster time connections and usability, LaCie recommends that you map a drive to share. To map a drive to a share, select the **Tools** menu from Windows **Explorer**. Click on **Map a drive**. Fill in the appropriate information and press **Finish**. This will create a new drive mapped to your share (for more information about drive mapping, refer to your Windows manual).

5.2.1.1. Windows Me/2000/XP

For Windows Me, Windows 2000 and Windows XP users, if you cannot find the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini from your workstation, try using the Windows search tool.

From the **Start** menu, select **Search**, and then click on **For Files or Folders**. In the **Search Results** window, select **Computers**. In the **Search for Computers** dialog box, enter the server name and click the **Search Now** button. By default, the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini will be named "EDmini".

5.2.1.2. Windows 95/98/98SE



Tech Note: Windows Me Users – To access your shares under Windows Me, the administrator will need to create a user with the same username and password as your log in for Windows. This is due to a limitation in Microsoft's operating system.

For Microsoft Windows 95, 98, and 98SE users, if you cannot find the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini from your workstation, try using the Windows search tool.

From the **Start** menu, select **Find** and then **Computer**. Enter the server name and click **Find Now**. Windows will search your system and after a little while, the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini should appear in the result window. Click on the icon, and you will then be asked to enter a username and password.



Tech Note: Windows 95 and 98 Users – To access your shares under Windows 95 and 98, you will need to create a user on the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini with the same username and password as your log in for Windows. This is due to a limitation in Microsoft's operating system.

5.2.2. Mac Users

5.2.2.1. Mac OS 9.x

From the **Apple** menu, select **Network Browser**, **Chooser** or **Connect to Server**. In **Chooser**, click the **Appleshare** icon. Your server should appear in the list with the default name "EDmini". Select it and press **OK**.

5.2.2.2. Mac OS 10.x

Under Mac OS 10.x, click **Connect to Server** in the **Go** menu, and then enter the IP address of your LaCie Ethernet Disk mini. A list of shares will appear. Click on the shares that you want open and press **OK**. Enter a valid username and password. The new shares will be placed on your desktop.

5.2.3. Linux Users

Under KDE, open konqueror and type in the IP address of the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini into the address field:

- For FTP access – ftp://ip_address
- For HTTP access – http://ip_address
- For SMB/CIFS access (in order for this to method to work, the services need to be properly configured) – smb://ip_address

5.3. Accessing The LaCie Ethernet Disk mini Via Web Browsers

While the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini is connected to the network, it is capable of being accessed via the Internet through your Internet browser.

Windows Users – Open your browser to <http://EDmini>.

Mac and Linux Users – Open your browser to http://device_IP_address (the “device_IP_address” refers to the IP address that is assigned to your LaCie Ethernet Disk mini).

Once the Web page opens, you will be prompted to enter a valid user name and password (see section [6.7. User's Menu](#) for more information on creating users). After the user name and password have been verified, you will be able to browse the contents of the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini through either http or FTP. Simply click on the http button to view the files via http, and click on FTP to view the files via FTP.

5.4. Disconnecting The LaCie Ethernet Disk mini

There are two steps when disconnecting the Ethernet connection:

- 1) From the **Web Administration Page**, click on the **Configuration** tab and then click on the **Shutdown** button (see section [6. Using The LaCie Ethernet Disk mini Web Administration Page](#) for more information).
- 2) Now press the On/Off button on the front of the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini, and hold the button down for 3 seconds. The On/Off button will flicker for a few seconds before powering off.

6. Using The LaCie Ethernet Disk mini Web Administration Page

The LaCie Ethernet Disk mini features an easy-to-use Web-based tool for configuring the drive and administering users, when the drive is connected to the network via the Ethernet connection.

6.1. Accessing The Web Administration Page

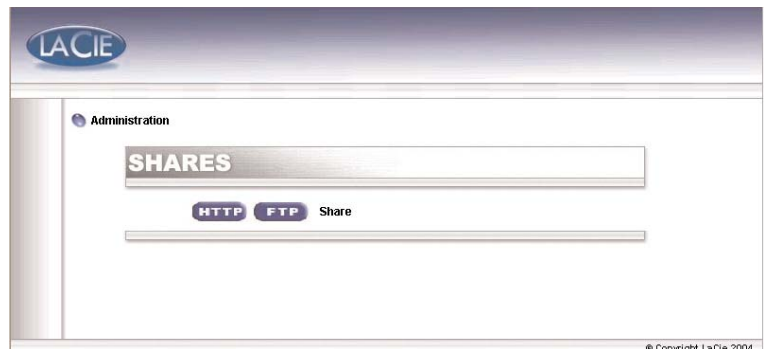


Important Info: For optimal performance, use Microsoft® Internet Explorer® 5.0, Netscape® with Mozilla™ or Apple® Safari™ or higher as your Web browser when accessing the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini via the Internet.

Windows Users – Open your browser to <http://EDmini>.

Mac and Linux Users – Open your browser to http://device_IP_address (the “device_IP_address” refers to the IP address that is assigned to your LaCie Ethernet Disk mini).

Once the page opens, click on the **Administration** button in the upper left hand part of the screen, below the LaCie logo. You will then be prompted to enter the administrator name and password. The default administrator user name is “admin,” and the default password is “admin.”

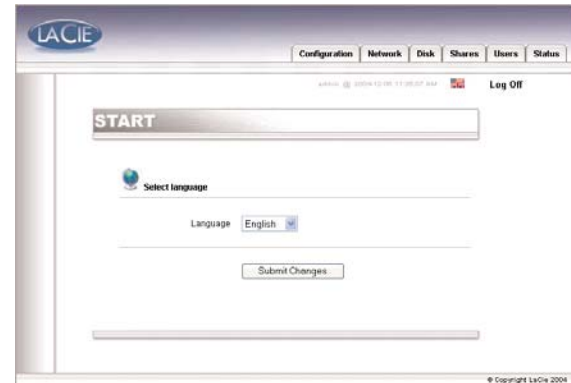


6.2. Administering The LaCie Ethernet Disk mini

After the login is validated, you will enter the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini's **Web Administration Page**. Along the top of the page are a series of tabs (**Configuration**, **Network**, **Disk**, **Shares**, **Users** and **Status**), from which you can navigate and configure the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini.

6.2.1. Setting The User Language

The first page that appears will give you the opportunity to select the language that you wish to use for the **Web Administration Page**. Simply use the pull-down menu beside the **Language** selector to find your language, and then click **Submit Changes** to activate your language. You may come back to this page at any time by clicking on the language's flag, located just below the program tabs.



6.2.2. Log Off

You can close the Web Administration program at any point while the Web page is open by clicking on **Log Off**, located just below the tabs in the upper-right hand corner of the screen. After clicking **Log Off**, click on the **Close Windows** button to leave the program.



6.3. Configuration Menu

By clicking on the **Configuration** tab, you will be brought to the main page of the **Configuration** menu. From this window you can see details about your network, software and hardware, while also being able to restart or shutdown your LaCie Ethernet Disk mini.



6.3.1. Machine Name

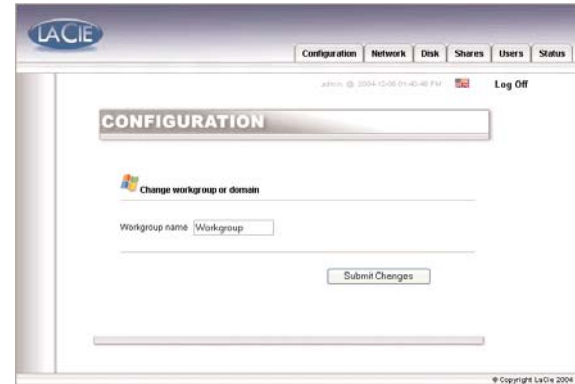
By clicking on the blue button to the right of **Machine Name**, in the **Network** section of the **Configuration** menu, you will be taken to the **Change Machine Name** page. From here you can modify the name of the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini. If you have changed the name, click the **Submit Changes** button to activate your changes. The default machine name for the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini is "EDmini."



Important Info: For optimal performance, keep the name of the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini under 16 characters, and do not use characters, such as:
? < > / \ : .

6.3.2. Windows Workgroup

By clicking on the blue button to the right of **Windows Workgroup**, in the **Network** section of the **Configuration** menu, you will be taken to the **Change Workgroup or Domain** page. From here you can modify the domain or workgroup to which the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini is attached. If you have altered the workgroup or domain, click the **Submit Changes** button to activate your changes.



6.3.3. AppleTalk Zone

By clicking on the blue button to the right of **AppleTalk Zone**, in the **Network** section of the **Configuration** menu, you will be taken to the **AppleTalk Zone** page. From here you can modify the **AppleTalk Zone** to which the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini is attached. If you have altered the **AppleTalk Zone**, click the **Submit Changes** button to activate your changes.



6.3.4. Current Date And Time

By clicking on the blue button to the right of **Current Date**, in the **Network** section of the **Configuration** menu, you will be taken to the **Current Date And Time** page. From here you can modify the date and time of the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini. If you have altered the date and time, click the **Submit Changes** button to activate your changes.



6.3.5. Restart/Shutdown

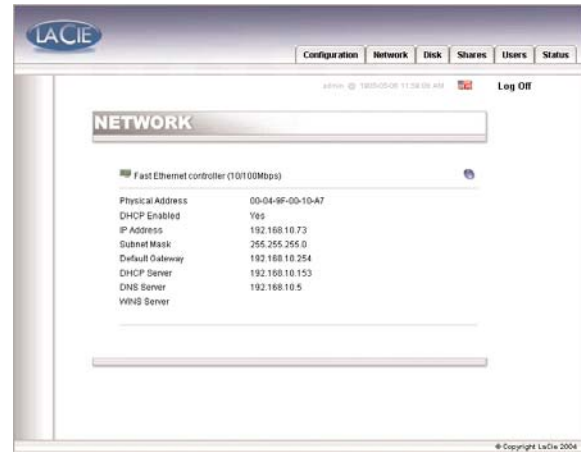
At the bottom of the **Configuration** menu, you can press either the **Restart** button or **Shutdown** button. By clicking on either of the buttons, a prompt will appear to alert you to which process is taking place.

6.4. Network Menu

By clicking on the **Network** tab, you will be brought to the **Network** page, where you can view information about the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini's IP configuration. From this page, you can also modify the IP configuration of the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini.

6.4.1. IP Configuration

By clicking on the blue button to the right of the Ethernet controller, you will be brought to the **IP Configuration** page, where you can modify the IP configuration of the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini.



Important Info: If DHCP is enabled, but there is not a DHCP server available on the network, the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini will use the IP configuration that is specified in the Use The Following IP Address section.

There are two alternative methods for determining the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini's IP address: **The Obtain IP Addresses From DHCP** or **Use The Following IP Address**.

Obtain IP Addresses From DHCP

This method is utilized when the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini is connected to a DHCP enabled network with a DHCP server. In this case, the server provides the IP address for the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini.

Use The Following IP Address

This method is utilized when the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini is connected to a non-DHCP enabled network. In this case, you will need to manually assign the correct network settings for your LaCie Ethernet Disk mini. Please refer to your network administrator for more information about your network and which parameters you should use.

IP Address – This is the IP address that you want to assign to the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini.

IP Mask – This is the subnet mask that is associated with the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini's assigned IP address.

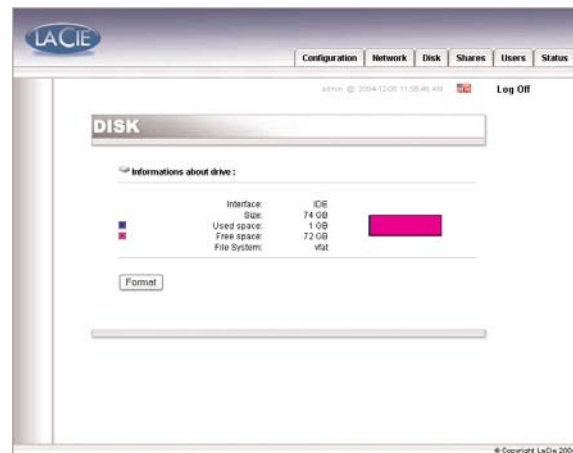
Gateway Address – This is the default IP address of the Gateway that is available for the specified network.

DNS Server – This is the IP address of the DNS server which handles the routing and resolution of names.



6.5. Disk Menu

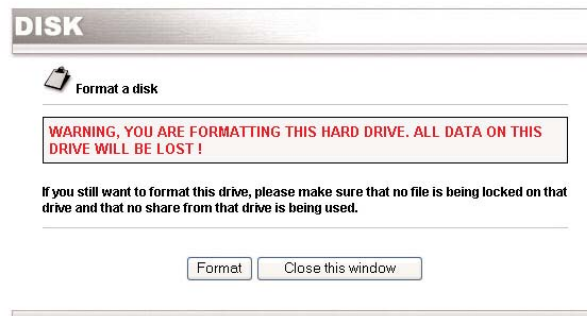
By clicking on the **Disk** tab, you will be brought to the main page of the **Disk** menu. From this window you can see details about your LaCie Ethernet Disk mini's interface, volume size, used and free space and file system being used.



6.5.1. Reformatting The Disk

By clicking on the **Format** button, you will launch the **Format a disk** window, where you will be issued a warning about the formatting process. Read the warning before continuing. Click the **Format** button to continue, or the **Close this window** button to quit the process.

In order to re-format the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini in to a file system other than FAT 32, you will need to use a disk utility program; Windows users can use **Disk Management**, Mac OS 9.x users can use LaCie's **Silverlining**, Mac OS 10.x users can use Apple's **Disc Utility** and Linux users can use the **mkfs.ext3** command line tool.



Important Info: The LaCie Ethernet Disk mini is pre-formatted with the FAT 32 file system, and this process will only allow you to re-format the drive as a FAT 32 volume. The LaCie Ethernet Disk mini can also support other file systems, but with significant limitations while being accessed via a network:

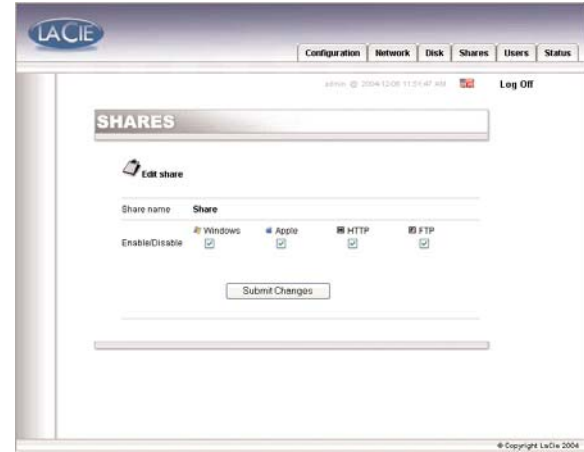
- Windows NTFS – LaCie Ethernet Disk mini will only be available in read mode.
- Mac HFS/HFS+ – LaCie Ethernet Disk mini will only be available in read mode.
- Linux Ext 2/3 – LaCie Ethernet Disk mini will be available in write and read modes.



Caution! If the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini is formatted as an HFS/HFS+ volume, the data on the drive will not be accessible to Windows users while connected via USB. And if the aCie Ethernet Disk mini is formatted as an Ext 2/3 volume, the data will only be accessible to users on a Linux system.

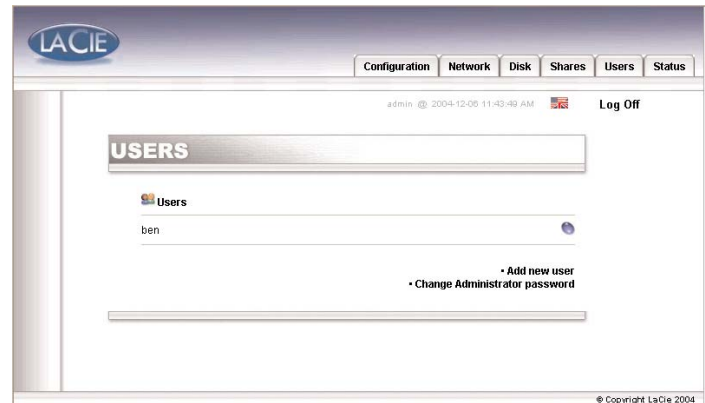
6.6. Shares Menu

By clicking on the **Shares** tab, you will be brought to the main page of the **Shares** menu. From this window you will be able to enable/disable the protocol which will be used to access the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini's share. You can choose from **Windows**, **Apple**, **HTTP** or **FTP**.



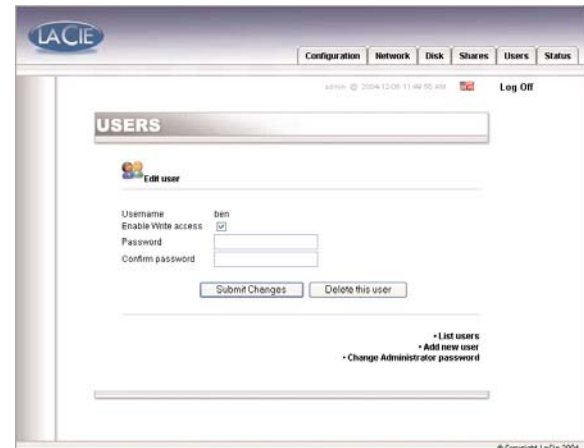
6.7. Users Menu

By clicking on the **Users** tab, you will be brought to the main page of the **Users** menu. From this window you will be able to manage your users by creating new users and modifying their password and access privileges (either read-only or read-write), as well as changing the Administrator's password.



6.7.1. Edit A User

By clicking on the blue button to the right of a user's name, you will be able to modify a user's rights and password, as well as delete a user.



6.7.2. Add New User

By clicking on the **Add new user** line in the **Users** menu, you will be able to create a new user and assign them a name, password and access privileges.

The screenshot shows the 'USERS' menu in the web administration interface. The 'Add new user' option is selected, leading to a form with the following fields: Username, Enable Write access (checked), Password, and Confirm password. There is an 'Add new user' button at the bottom. The interface also shows a 'Log Off' button and a copyright notice for LaCie 2004.

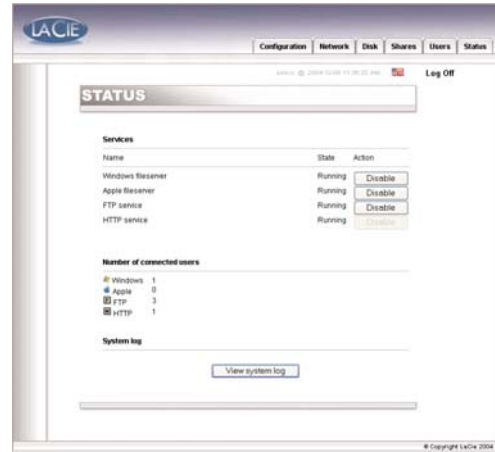
6.7.3. Change Administrator Password

By clicking on the **Change administrator password** line, you will be taken to the **Change Administrator password** page, where you can alter the default administrator password to a custom password of your own choosing. For security purposes, it is recommended that you alter the password, and write down and store the new password in a secure location.

The screenshot shows the 'USERS' menu in the web administration interface. The 'Change Administrator password' option is selected, leading to a form with the following fields: New password and Confirm password. There is a 'Submit Changes' button at the bottom. The interface also shows a 'Log Off' button and a copyright notice for LaCie 2004.

6.8. Status Menu

By clicking on the **Status** tab, you will be brought to the main page of the **Status** menu. From this window you can view the number of connected users, disable file server services (Windows, Apple, HTTP and FTP) and view the system log. To disable a service, simply click the **Disable** button that corresponds to the service which you wish to disable.



6.8.1. System Log

By clicking the **View system log** button in the **Status** menu, you will be taken to the **System log** window, where you can review the type, date, time, source and event ID of activities on the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini. Click the **Clear Log** button to start a fresh log.



7. Troubleshooting

In the event that your LaCie Ethernet Disk mini is not working correctly, please refer to the following checklist to find out where the problem is coming from. If you have gone through all of the points on the checklist and your drive is still not working correctly, please have a look at the FAQs that are regularly published on our Web site – www.lacie.com. One of these FAQs may provide an answer to your specific question. You can also visit the drivers pages, where the most recent software updates will be available.

If you need further assistance, please contact your LaCie reseller or LaCie Technical Support (see [8. Contacting Customer Service](#) for details).

Manual Updates

LaCie is constantly striving to give you the most up-to-date, comprehensive User's Manuals available on the market. It is our goal to provide you with a friendly, easy-to-use format that will help you quickly install and utilize the many functions of your new device.

If your manual does not reflect the configurations of the product that you purchased, please check our Web site for the most current version available.

The Problem	Questions To Ask	Possible Solutions
The drive is not recognized by the computer.	Does your computer's configuration meet the minimum system requirements?	Check section 2.1. Minimum System Requirements for more information.
	Is the drive's power supply connected and is the blue light on the front of the drive on?	Make sure that the power supply is properly connected (see section 3.3. Connecting The External Power Supply for details); that the drive has been powered on by pressing the blue On/Off button on the front of the drive; and that the outlet the power supply is connected to is powered on or has a sufficient supply of power.
	Is the blue light on the front of the drive flickering?	If the blue light is flickering or will not turn on, the power supply may be defective. Please contact your LaCie reseller or LaCie Customer Support .
	Did you follow the correct installation steps for the specific interface?	Review the installation steps – USB: 4.1. Getting Connected and Ethernet: 5.1. Getting Connected . The two cables cannot be connected at the same time.
	Are both ends of the interface cable firmly attached?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disconnect the interface cable, wait 10 seconds and then reconnect. • Ensure that the interface connectors are properly aligned. The interface cables can only be inserted one way. Make sure that they are correctly oriented. • Check that the interface connectors are straight and fully seated in the interface ports. • Only use certified interface cables, such as the cables provided with your LaCie drive. <p>If you have followed all of these steps and the drive is still not recognized, shut down your computer, wait 3 to 5 minutes, restart your computer and try again.</p> <p>In the event that the drive is still not recognized, take the drive to another computer and attempt to connect the drive. If the drive is not recognized on another computer, please contact your LaCie reseller or LaCie Customer Support.</p>

The Problem	Questions To Ask	Possible Solutions
The drive doesn't appear on the network.	Is the IP address properly set?	For more information, please see section 5. Using The LaCie Ethernet Disk mini Via Ethernet .
	Is your network DHCP enabled?	If your network is DHCP enabled, please refer to sections 4.2. Configuring The LaCie Ethernet Disk mini , 5.3. Accessing The LaCie Ethernet Disk mini Via Web Browsers and 6.4. Network Menu . If your network is not DHCP enabled, you will need to manually configure the address; please see section 4.2. Configuring The LaCie Ethernet Disk mini for more information.
	Are you using AppleTalk under Mac OS 9.x?	If you are using AppleTalk under Mac OS 9.x, ensure that the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini and the other clients on the network are in the same AppleTalk zone.
A user does not have access to the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini.	Has the administrator created that specific user?	In order for a another user to access the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini, two conditions must be met: 1) the administrator must create and register a user with the appropriate privileges; 2) the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini must be connected to the network via Ethernet for additional users to access the drive. Otherwise, when the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini is attached via USB, it can only be accessed by the user who's computer the drive is connected to.
Using the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini with Gigabit Ethernet networks.	Is the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini compatible with Gigabit Ethernet networks?	Yes, the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini is compatible with Gigabit Ethernet networks, but it requires an Ethernet 100Mb/1Gb switch (sold separately). Please contact your LaCie reseller or LaCie Customer Support for more information.

The Problem	Questions To Ask	Possible Solutions
The drive is not running noticeably faster when connected via Hi-Speed USB 2.0.	Is the drive connected to a USB port on your computer, or to a USB hub?	If your drive is connected to a USB port or hub, this is normal. A Hi-Speed USB 2.0 device can only operate at Hi-Speed USB 2.0 performance levels when it is connected directly to a Hi-Speed USB 2.0 port or hub. Otherwise, the Hi-Speed USB 2.0 device will operate at the slower USB transfer rates.
	Is the drive connected to a Hi-Speed USB 2.0 port on your computer?	Check to see that the Hi-Speed USB 2.0 drivers for both your host bus adapter and device have been installed correctly. If in doubt, un-install the drivers and re-install them.
	Does your computer or operating system support Hi-Speed USB 2.0?	See section 2.1. Minimum System Requirements for more information.
	Are you using a certified Hi-Speed USB 2.0 cable to connect your drive?	Ensure that the cable you are using has been properly certified. The Hi-Speed USB 2.0 cable that was shipped with your LaCie drive has been properly certified and tested to comply with USB standards.

8. Contacting Customer Support

Before You Contact Technical Support

1) Read the manuals and review the [Troubleshooting](#) section.

2) Try to isolate the problem. If possible, make the drive the only external device on the CPU, and make sure that all of the cables are correctly and firmly attached.

If you have asked yourself all of the pertinent questions in the troubleshooting checklist, and you still can't get your LaCie drive to work properly, contact us via the provided Web link. Before contacting us, make sure that you are in front of your computer and that you have the following information on hand:

- Your LaCie drive's serial number
- Operating system(Mac OS or Windows) and version
- Computer brand and model
- Names of CD or DVD drives installed on your computer
- Amount of memory installed
- Names of any other devices installed on your computer

LaCie Technical Support

LaCie Australia

Contact Us At:
<http://www.lacie.com/au/contact/>

LaCie Canada

Contact Us At:
<http://www.lacie.com/caen/contact/> (English)

LaCie Finland

Contact Us At:
<http://www.lacie.com/fi/contact>

LaCie Germany

Contact Us At:
<http://www.lacie.com/de/contact/>

LaCie Japan

Contact Us At:
<http://www.lacie.co.jp>

LaCie Norway

Contact Us At:
<http://www.lacie.com/no/contact/>

LaCie Sweden

Contact Us At:
<http://www.lacie.com/se/contact/>

LaCie United Kingdom & Ireland

Contact Us At:
<http://www.lacie.com/uk/support/request>

LaCie Grand Export

Contact Us At:
<http://www.lacie.com/intl/contact/>

LaCie Belgium

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LaCie Denmark

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LaCie France

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LaCie Italy

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LaCie Netherlands

Contact Us At:
<http://www.lacie.com/nl/contact/>

LaCie Spain

Contact Us At:
<http://www.lacie.com/es/support/request>

LaCie Switzerland

Contact Us At:
<http://www.lacie.com/chfr/contact>

LaCie USA

Contact Us At:
<http://www.lacie.com/contact/>

9. Warranty

LaCie warrants your drive against any defect in material and workmanship, under normal use, for the period designated on your warranty certificate. In the event this product is found to be defective within the warranty period, LaCie will, at its option, repair or replace the defective drive.

This warranty is void if:

- The drive was operated/stored in abnormal use or maintenance conditions;
- The drive is repaired, modified or altered, unless such repair, modification or alteration is expressly authorized in writing by LaCie;
- The drive was subjected to abuse, neglect, lightning strike, electrical fault, improper packaging or accident;
- The drive was installed improperly;
- The serial number of the drive is defaced or missing;
- The broken part is a replacement part such as a pickup tray, etc.
- The tamper seal on the drive casing is broken.

LaCie and its suppliers accept no liability for any loss of data during the use of this device, or for any of the problems caused as a result.

LaCie will not, under any circumstances, be liable for direct, special or consequential damages such as, but not limited to, damage or loss of property or equipment, loss of profits or revenues, cost of replacement goods, or expense or inconvenience caused by service interruptions.

Any loss, corruption or destruction of data while using a LaCie drive is the sole responsibility of the user, and under no circumstances will LaCie be held liable for the recovery or restoration of this data.

Under no circumstances will any person be entitled to any sum greater than the purchase price paid for the drive.

To obtain warranty service, call LaCie Technical Support. You will be asked to provide your LaCie product's serial number, and you may be asked to furnish proof of purchase to confirm that the drive is still under warranty.

All drives returned to LaCie must be securely packaged in their original box and shipped with postage prepaid.



Important Info: Register online for free technical support: www.lacie.com/register

Glossary

Backup – (1) The act of creating at least one additional copy of data onto a different (and safe) storage device from where it can be retrieved at a later time if needed. (2) A copy of a file, directory, or volume on a separate storage device from the original, for the purposes of retrieval in case the original is erased, damaged, or destroyed.

Bit – The smallest measure of computerized data, either a 1 or a 0. Eight bits equal one byte, or one character.

Block – A very small section of the storage media comprised of one or more sectors. A block is the smallest amount of space allocated on a drive for data storage. By default, a sector of data consists of 512 bytes.

Buffer – RAM cache that is faster than the data that is being delivered. Buffers are used so data may be stored and delivered to the receiving item as it is needed.

Bus – Electronic links that enable data to flow between the processor, RAM and extension cables (peripherals).

Byte – A sequence of adjacent binary digits, or bits, considered as a unit, 8 bits in length. There are 8 bits in 1 byte. See also MB (Megabyte) or GB (Gigabyte).

Cache, -ing – This is an area of electronic storage (usually RAM) set aside to store frequently used data from electro-mechanical storage (hard drives, floppy disks, CD/DVD-ROM, tape cartridges, etc.) Therefore, storing frequently used data in RAM can enhance your system's overall response to disk-intensive operations significantly.

Configuration – When talking about a PC, configuration is understood to be the sum of the internal and external components of the system, including memory, disk drives, the keyboard, the video subsystem and other peripherals, such as the mouse, modem or printer. The configuration also implies software: the operating system and various device managers (drivers), as well as hardware settings and options set by the user via configuration files.

Controller – This is a component or an electronic card (referred to in this case as a "controller card") that enables a computer to communicate with or manage certain peripherals. The controller manages the operation of the peripheral associated with it, and links the PC bus to the peripheral via a ribbon cable inside the PC. An external controller is an expansion card which fills one of the free slots inside your PC and which enables a peripheral (CD-ROM drive, scanner or printer, for instance) to be connected to the computer.

Cross-platform – Term that refers to a device that is able to be operated by both Mac and Windows operating systems.

Data Stream – The flow of data that accomplishes a task, usually related to moving data from storage to computer RAM or between storage devices.

Digital – Discrete information that can be broken down to zero or one bits.

Driver (peripheral manager) – A software component that enables the computer system to communicate with a peripheral. Most peripherals will not operate correctly – if at all – if the appropriate drivers are not installed on the system.

DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol) – This is a communications protocol that allows network administrators to centrally manage and automate the assignment of Internet Protocol (IP) addresses in an organization's network. Using IP, each computer that connects to the Internet must have a unique IP address.

Ethernet – A LAN technology, based on the IEEE 802.3 standard. The most common Ethernet systems are 10BASE-T, which provides transmission speeds up to 10Mb/s, and 100BASE-T (also known as Fast Ethernet), which provides transmission speeds up to 100Mb/s.

File System – Links the physical map of a disc to its logical structure. Thanks to the file system, users and computers can easily display path, directories and files recorded onto the disc.

FTP (File Transfer Protocol) – This is a standard Internet protocol that uses the Internet's TCP/IP protocols to exchange files between computers on the Internet. It is commonly used to download programs and other files to a computer from a server.

Firmware – Permanent or semi-permanent instructions and data programmed directly into the circuitry of a programmable read-only memory or an electronically-erasable, programmable read-only memory chip. Used for controlling the operation of the computer or tape drive. Distinct from the software, which is stored in random access memory and can be altered.

Folder – A list created on a disk to store files. Creating folders and sub-folders enables you to organize the storage of your files in a logical, hierarchical manner so that you can find and manage them more easily.

Format, -ting, -ted – This is a process where a device is prepared to record data. In this process, the hard disk writes special information onto its own recording surfaces into areas (blocks) that are ready to accept user data. Since this operation causes all current user data stored on the hard disk to be lost, this is an infrequent operation that usually only happens at the factory that created the hard disk. It is unusual for something to happen to a hard disk that requires the end-user to initially perform this operation.

GB (GigaByte) – This value is normally associated with data storage capacity. Basically, it means a thousand million or a billion bytes. In fact, it equals 1,073,741,824 bytes (or 1,024 x 1,024 x 1,024).

Hardware – Physical components of a computer system, including the computer itself and peripherals such as printers, modems, mice, etc.

Host Bus Adapter (HBA) – A printed circuit board that installs in a standard microcomputer and an interface between the device controller and the computer. Also called a controller.

HTTP (Hypertext Transfer Protocol) – This is the set of rules for exchanging files (i.e. text, images, audio, video, etc.) on the World Wide Web. http is an application protocol, relative to the TCP/IP suite of protocols that form the basis for exchanging information on the Internet.

Initialize, -ed, Initialization – After a hard drive (or other storage device) is formatted and partitioned, some special data needs to be written to it that helps the Mac and Windows create files and save data. The process is called initialization. This process, like formatting, causes all user data on the storage device to be lost.

Internet – A collection of networks whose users communicate with one another. Each communication carries the address of the source and destination networks and the particular machine within the network associated with the user or host computer on each end.

IP (Internet Protocol) – This is the protocol that controls how data is sent from one computer to another on the Internet.

IP Address – This is a number (either 32-bit for Internet Protocol Version 4, or 128-bit for Internet Protocol Version 6) that identifies each sender or receiver of information that is sent in packets across the Internet.

Interface – The protocol data transmitters, data receivers, logic and wiring that link one piece of computer equipment to another, such as a hard drive to an adapter or an adapter to a system bus. Protocol means a set of rules for operating the physical interface, such as: do not read or write before the drive is ready.

I/O (Input/Output) – Refers to an operation, program or device whose purpose is to enter data into or to extract data from a computer.

Kb (Kilobit) – Equivalent to 1,000 bits.

Kb/s – Kilobits per second. 480Kb/s is equal to 60KB/s.

KB (KiloByte) – Basically, this means 1,000 bytes, but it is actually 1,024 bytes.

KB/s – Kilobytes per second. A means of measuring throughput.

LAN (Local Area Network) – A group of computers and associated devices that share a common communication line and typically share the resources of a single processor or server within a small geographic area.

Mb (Megabit) – Equivalent to 1,000,000 bits.

Mb/s – Megabits per second. A means of measuring throughput. 480Mb/s is equal to 60MB/s.

MB (Megabyte) – Basically means one million bytes, but is actually 1,024 Kilobytes or 1,024 x 1,024 bytes, which equals 1,048,576 bytes.

MB/s – Megabytes per second. A means of measuring throughput.

Media – The material or device used to store information in a storage subsystem, such as a tape cartridge, CD, DVD or disk drive.

Network – A series of points or nodes interconnected by communication paths. Networks can interconnect with other networks and contain subnetworks.

Operating System (OS) – Software that controls the assignment and use of hardware resources such as memory, processor time, disk space and peripherals. An operating system is the basis on which software (applications) run. Windows, Mac OS and UNIX are among the most common.

Overwrite – To write data on top of existing data thus erasing the original data.

Partition, -ing – After formatting, the hard drive is not yet ready to store files. It must be divided into sections that will contain special information required for a Mac or PC to operate and other sections that will contain the files. This process of dividing up the hard drive is called partitioning. A partition is just one section of the hard drive that will contain either special data put there by Silverlining or other files and data.

Peripheral – A generic term applied to printers, scanners, mice, keyboards, serial ports, graphics cords, disk drives and other computer subsystems. This type of peripheral often relies on its own control software, known as a peripheral driver.

Port, hardware – A connection component (SCSI port, for example) that enables a microprocessor to communicate with a compatible peripheral.

Port, number – Used to identify a specific process to which an Internet or other network message is to be forwarded when it arrives at a server.

Port, software – A memory address that identifies the physical circuit used to transfer information between a microprocessor and a peripheral.

Protocol – In IT terminology, this describes the special set of rules that end points in a telecommunication connection use when they communicate.

RAM (Random Access Memory) – Generally referred to as a computer's "memory." An integrated circuit memory chip that allows information to be stored and retrieved by a microprocessor or controller. The information can be stored or accessed in any order, and all storage locations are equally accessible.

Seek Time – The amount of time (in thousandths of a second, or milliseconds) that it takes a hard drive's read/write head to move to a specific location on the disk. Average seek, then, is the average of a large number of random samplings all over the disk. Seek time is CPU independent, meaning that seek time is the same for a disk drive, whether it is attached to a computer or not.

Software – In a nutshell, software is a set of instructions for the computer. A set of instructions to perform a particular task is called a program. There are two main types of software: system software (an operating system such as Mac OS or Windows) which controls the operation of the computer and application software (programs such as Word or Excel) which enable users to perform tasks such as word processing, spreadsheet creation, graphics, etc.

Storage – In computers, any equipment in which information may be kept. PCs generally use disk units and other external storage media (diskettes, CD-ROMs, magnetic disks, etc.) for permanent storage of information.

Striping – Spreading data evenly over multiple disk drives to enhance performance. Data striping can be performed on a bit, byte or block basis for optimum application performance.

Subnetwork (Subnet) – This is a separate, identifiable part of a network, such as all of the computers at one geographic location, in one building or on the same local area network. Subnets make it possible to have an organization's network connected to the Internet with a single, shared network address.

Transfer Rate – The rate at which the drive sends and receives data from the controller. Transfer rates for reading data from the disk drive may not be the same as the transfer rate for writing data to the disk drive. Transfer rates are CPU dependent, meaning that regardless of how great a transfer rate your drive is capable of, the actual transfer rate can only be as fast as the slowest of your hard drive and computer.

TCP/IP (Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol) – This is the basic communication protocol of the Internet. TCP/IP uses the client/server model of communication, in which a client (a computer user) requests and is provided a service (such as a Web page) by another computer (a server) in the network.

Volume – A desktop mountable storage area, may be a partition of a hard drive, a removable disk or a cartridge. Typically measured in Megabytes or Gigabytes.

UDP (User Datagram Protocol) – This is a communications protocol that allows a limited amount of service when messages are exchanged between computers in a network that uses the Internet Protocol (IP). UDP uses the IP to get a data unit (a datagram) from one computer to another, but does not sequence the packets that the data arrives in. UDP also provides port numbers to distinguish different user requests, and an optional checksum capability to verify that the data arrived intact.

Utility – Software designed to perform maintenance tasks on the system or its components. Examples include backup programs, programs to retrieve files and data on disk, programs for preparing (or formatting) a disk or and resource editors.